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FU-JUNG COPPER MINE RESUMES OPERATIONS -- Wen-hui Pao, 1 Sep 49

The Fu-jung Copper Mine in Liaotung, which is under the Northeast Precious Metals Control Office (yu-se chin-shu kuan-li suo), has again resumed operation after undergoing repairs for 6 months. Geologists were sent there to prospect during July and August 1949 and in September production will begin. A quota of 150 tons of pure copper has been set for the remainder of 1949.

This mine is one of three large copper mines of the Northeast, situated in Chung-ho Hsien. Reserves are abundant, and the quality is the highest of all copper mines now operating in the Northeast. A large amount of ore, after being cleaned by water, goes continually to the smelters in Mukden.

URANIUM MINE IN HONSHU -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 31 Jul 49

Tokyo, 29 July, [labelled AP] -- According to the Mainichi Shimbun, a Tokyo daily newspaper, a British mining concern is making preparations to mine uranium ore in northern Honshu. The newspaper states that an agent for the company, the Mai-ti-na Trading Company, has already left Tokyo to study the ore deposits discovered in Iwate Prefecture.

SHANTUNG PLANS DEVELOPMENT -- Hua Shang Pao, 15 Aug 49

Shang-hai, 14 August -- The Investigating Committee of the Department of Heavy Industry, Shang-hai Military Control Commission, returned to Shang-hai on 12 August 1949 from its month long inspection tour of industry and mining in Shantung Province. The purpose of this inspection tour was to prepare a report to higher authorities on the possibility of developing and improving industry and mining in Shantung and the amount of material and technical assistance needed for this project. The reports are now being prepared by the Investigation Committee for submission to the Shantung Provincial Government and the Shang-hai Military Control Commission before 25 August 1949.

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COAL MINES TAKE FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES -- Wen-hui Pao, 8 Aug 49

Shen-yang, 7 August, (NCNA) -- Fire protection methods and equipment in state-operated industries in the Northeast are being greatly improved.

The coal mines at Fu-shun and Hsi-an have organized fire brigades and established regulations. Furthermore, public security authorities at Ha-ex-pin, Ch'ang-ch'un, Chi-chi-ha-erh (Tsitsihar), Chia-ma-sau, Chin-chou and other places have recently carried out inspections of the fire-prevention facilities of all government-operated industries in these areas.

Pei-p'in, 7 August, (NCNA) -- Warned by several fires during June and July, the Men-t'ou-kou Coal Mining Company has mobilized the whole mining force to guard against arsonists and protect the security of the mines. All unit chiefs have been made responsible for the security of their units.

Mine guards have carried out fire drills and have enrolled large numbers of the miners in a mine workers' guard unit to assist in patrolling the properties at night. Since these measures have been carried out a number of possible catastrophes have been averted.

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